

Appl. No. 10/026,092
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A roof retaining apparatus comprising a framework including at least ~~two~~ two angulated arms, an[d] upright engaged to each arm, upper and lower cross members engaged to and between the uprights, the arms also having structure thereon for mounting scaffolding thereover and a net stretched between and fixed to the uprights and cross members.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each angulated arm includes a flat portion having slots therein which engage over fixation devices fixed to the roof.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the slots are formed toward a free end of each arm.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the slots are angulated relative to the free end of the arm.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each upright engages up to two top cross members, one to either side thereof.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each upright engages up to two bottom cross members, one to either side thereof.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said net has securement devices along the edges thereof.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said uprights and cross members have cooperating securement devices to which the securement devices of said net attach.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the cooperating securement devices of said net comprise hooks.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the securement devices of said uprights and top and bottom cross members comprise eyes.

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11.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the uprights have top and bottom lateral sleeve pairs thereon within which end flanges of the top and bottom cross members, respectively, are received.

12.(Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said sleeves and said cross member end flanges have aligned bores therein.

13.(Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein a pin is engaged through the aligned bores to secure the uprights and cross members together.

14.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the angulated arms have upstanding flanges therein.

15.(Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein each upstanding flange has a sleeve thereon within which an end flange of each upright is received.

16.(Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said sleeve and said upright end flanges have aligned bores therein.

17.(Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein a pin is engaged through the aligned bores to secure the uprights and arms together.